

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A copyrighted work managing method for  
managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a  
communication network is disclosed, that comprises the  
steps of (a) detecting copyrighted work data from  
communication data transmitted from a client on the  
communication network, (b) determining whether or not  
the user has performed a copyright licensing process  
for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting  
step (a) against a copyright owner of the copyrighted  
work data, and (c) prohibiting the communication data  
from being transmitted corresponding to the determined  
result at the determining step (b).